

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 617  
By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Meg Thornton on her outstanding high school accomplishments.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who, through their achievements, are a source of pride for their family, school and community; and

WHEREAS, Meg Thornton is one such person, having excelled athletically and scholastically as a student at Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, as a four-year starter on Portland's volleyball team, Meg made the All-District 10A Tournament Team for three years and was also named the District 10A, Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, this gifted young lady was selected All-Sumner County Most Valuable Player for two consecutive years, was named to the Class AA All-Midstate team for three consecutive years, and played on the first team twice; and

WHEREAS, Meg also made the Tennessee Sports Writers All-State team two consecutive years; was named the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association Player of the Year for District 10A two consecutive years, and the 1997 Gatorade Circle of Champions Tennessee High School Girls Volleyball Player of the Year; and

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WHEREAS, Meg's basketball career is similarly impressive as she started on the varsity squad for three years, served for two years as the team's Captain; and earned a place on the All-District 10AA team; and

WHEREAS, she started on the varsity softball team for four consecutive years, made the All-District team, and the All-District 10A Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, although she is very active in sports, Meg is equally adept in the classroom, where she has attained a 3.65 grade point average; she also contributes her time and immeasurable talents as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Portland Church of Christ Youth Group; previously, she taught the Toddler Sunday School class at the Portland Church of Christ, was elected to the Football Homecoming Court and was named the Football Homecoming Queen her senior year; and

WHEREAS, ever-mindful of her civic duties, Meg has also served as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) role model and representative of Portland at the Tennessee Governor's Conference; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton is widely respected and admired by her fellow students and was named the Senior Class Favorite, Most Energetic, and was a Semi-Finalist for the National High School Heisman Award; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of proud parents, Chuck and Patsy Thornton, Meg will be attending Middle Tennessee State University this fall on a Volleyball Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, it is important that this legislative body recognize those young people who serve as role models for others to emulate; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and congratulate Meg Thornton on her numerous accomplishments and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.